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BIG BUILDING ON FORT ST.

APARTMENT HOUSE IS TO BE ERECTED

Mrs. Bowker to Put Up Fine Structure in the Spring.

At last evening's meeting of the city council a letter was received from Messrs. Elliott & Shandley, acting for Mrs. Bowker, asking for further time in which to remove a number of dilapidated buildings from Fort street adjoining the Merchants' Exchange saloon. The buildings are utilized as stables and extend through to Broughton street. The legal firm pointed out that their clients intended shortly to build an apartment house on the premises and asked that they be allowed to have until March 31st of next year in order to clear the ground of the buildings. All the buildings were let, and it would be necessary to notify the tenants from January 1st next.

Evidence as to unsanitary nature of the premises was given by City Assessor Northcott and Sanitary Inspector Lancaster. Mr. Northcott said he had been informed on good authority that it was proposed to erect a large apartment house on the premises and that the architect had consulted him about the matter.

On motion of Ald. Henderson it was agreed to meet the wishes of Mrs. Bowker and a motion was passed that the nuisance must be abated in the time specified.

City Barrister Taylor advised the board that the city should finally execute the lease with the Taylor-McLennan Company and the Lemon, Gonnason Company of the waterfront lot at the foot of Queen's avenue for a period of ten years, the time to run from the present. The letter will be considered at the next meeting of the streets, sewers and bridges committee on Friday evening and an invitation will be sent to John Dean, who has led the opposition to the lease, to be present.

A petition from property owners on Douglas street between Fisgurd street and Cormorant street, asking for the extension of the paving and lighting scheme was referred to the city engineer for report.

The building inspector will be handed a petition from a number of owners on North Park street complaining that Wm. Drysdale, who had obtained a permit to erect a carpenter shop, is intending to establish a sash and door factory and asking that he be prevented from doing so.

George McInroy and Ernest Englehardt were taken on the permanent staffs in the city assessor's office and the water commissioner's office, respectively.

The cemetery committee will take up the question of effecting some repairs at once to the foreshore of the Ross Bay cemetery, which is being badly damaged owing to the wash of the waves.

Permit was granted to the B. C. Electric Railway Company to proceed with the work of double-tracking Douglas street from Pembroke street to Hillside avenue, work starting on January 7th. In this connection Ald. Henderson raised the question as to whether it might not be advisable to ask the company to run their double tracks down Douglas to Humboldt, so as to relieve the congestion on Fort and Yates streets, but no action was decided upon.

ANOTHER DIFFICULTY ON ISLAND RAILWAY

Traffic Temporarily Suspended Owing to Further Wash-outs.

Traffic is again temporarily suspended on the E. & N. railway, owing to slides occurring between here and Lady-smith as a result of further severe rains. No through trains moved yesterday, and this situation may continue for a number of days.

It was discovered yesterday that at a point about half a mile north of Cowichan and again in the vicinity of the Silica brick works, the tracks have been undermined to such an extent as to prohibit the safe transit of trains, and therefore traffic was ordered suspended.

The management of the road will rush the work of repairs with all possible speed, and the delay, while particularly annoying, coming as it does fast on the heels of the recent serious tie-up, cannot be of long duration. Yesterday large gangs of men were set to work at both points where repairs have to be made.

The steamer City of Nanaimo, which left this morning on her regular run to Comox took freight and passengers for east coast points which would otherwise have gone by the railway, and a steamer service will be maintained just as long as circumstances warrant.

TRAGEDY IN INDIAN VILLAGE.

Nelson, Dec. 14.—A wire received by J. Blackie, constable of the provincial constabulary, states that an Indian named Matthew, of the Indian police force at Kootenay Landing, had gone to Bonner's Ferry, near the Coeur d'Alene Indian village, and had been killed by another Indian. The wire stated that the murderer had been captured at Sand Point.

FEW WHO WOULD REFUSE OFFICE

MANY CLAMOR FOR CABINET POSITION

Premier McBride Will Have Strong Appeals Made to Him.

Premier McBride has returned from the Kamloops convention and will at once apply himself to the affairs of state requiring attention. Among the first questions that will be forced upon him will be applications for the portfolio, which is to be filled. William Manson, the member for Skeena, backed up by a strong delegation from Prince Rupert, will make his demand for attention at the premier's hand, and Mr. Manson is regarded as a very strong candidate for the office.

H. B. Thomson, of this city, however, is not allowing any opportunity to pass to make his demands felt. There is no dearth of applicants in fact for cabinet rank and of the 33 supporters of the government in the new house it would be no surprise if H. F. W. Behnson, of this city, and Alex. McDonald, of Lillooet, are the only non-applicants for the portfolio.

It is safe to say that the non-applicants are as few as the government's opposition. W. H. Hayward, of Cowichan, has shown a disposition to forgo his farm and assume office. L. W. Shatford would also sacrifice his private business to serve his country, and H. G. Parsons, the member for Columbiaville, is in the city as a preliminary step to assuming office if desired. With W. R. Ross of Fernie; Harry Watson, of Vancouver; Hon. F. Carter-Cotton, of Richmond, and other lesser lights, the premier will have an anxious time deciding upon who shall be taken into the cabinet.

TROUBLE WITH FIRE PUMPS

SOME DEFECTS IN SALT WATER SYSTEM

Machinery Fails to Deliver Quantity of Water Expected.

In a report which W. Wagner, the insurance expert, who was brought here at the instance of the Vancouver Island Board of Fire Underwriters to inspect the salt water high pressure fire protection service, has submitted to that body, he mentions that a further difficulty has developed with the machinery at the pumping station. The pumps, which were supplied by the D'Olier Engineering Company of Philadelphia, were to have had a capacity of 3,000 gallons per minute. On a test they have only developed a capacity of 2,600 gallons per minute.

While this latter pressure will give good fire protection it is felt by Mr. Hutchison, the superintendent of the electrical station, who has charge of the pumps for the salt-water system, that the city should get what it ordered when the contract was let and an effort is now being made to bring the pumps to their capacity.

J. Smith, of the D'Olier Engineering Company, has been in the city for some weeks superintending the installation of these pumps, and has since made frequent tests, and he has been in communication with his firm, and has received instructions to make such alterations in the designs as will bring the capacity up to the required amount. These changes will now be made, one unit being removed at a time, so as to obviate any danger from a big fire occurring and finding the service unavailable. In Mr. Wagner's opinion, the proposed alterations are theoretically correct and should give the stipulated capacity.

It is believed that the difficulty which has resulted in respect to the pumping capacity is due to the fact that the manufacturers used the American gallon as a unit of measurement, up to the present the capacity has been about 82 per cent. of what it ought to have been.

The contract for the pumps was awarded by the advice of Arthur L. Adams, the water expert. The figure was \$15,000. The city has already paid some \$8,000 on account of the contract, but will insist that the plans and specifications as drawn be fulfilled before any more money is paid over.

TAFT VISITS THE BOWERY.

(Special to the Times) New York, Dec. 14.—President Taft, after a meeting of the United African Methodist Missions last night, in spite of a terrific rainstorm, decided to visit the Bowery. He was cheered by the men in the bread line and made a speech.

CLAIMS DAMAGES.

(Special to the Times) Denver, Dec. 14.—W. C. Smith, a politician, has brought a suit for \$50,000 damages over the story now running in a magazine called "The Beast and the Jungle," being written by Judge Lindsey and Harvey J. Higgins.



NEVER TOUCHED HIM.

Small Boy—“Mister you're getting wet!”
The Mayor—“Oh, pshaw. Only newspaper talk! They're always knocking me and the city.”

KEARY DEFEATED IN NEW WESTMINSTER

J. A. Lee, President of the Board of Trade, Elected Mayor.

New Westminster, Dec. 14.—After the hottest mayoralty campaign that has ever been fought in this city, John A. Lee, president of the board of trade, defeated W. H. Keary, who has held the position of chief magistrate for eight years, by a majority of about 55 votes.

There were 15 candidates for aldermanic honors, and the following were elected: J. K. Johnston, A. W. Gray, C. A. Welsh, J. S. Bryson, H. W. Gilley, J. B. Jardine, J. Carter Smith.

For school trustees—Dr. T. B. Green and T. J. Trap were elected.

It is practically certain that the referendum which places the city under the Municipal Clauses act has carried.

CHAIRMAN APPOINTED.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Hon. W. L. Mackenzie was yesterday appointed chairman of the committee on proportional representation.

REVENUE FROM ANNUITIES.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Supt. Registrar of the annuities branch, expects that the revenue for the year will total \$400,000.



THE MASONIC TEMPLE.

The new home of the A. F. & A. M. which is being dedicated this afternoon.

BRAWL RESULTS IN FATAL FIRE

HUSBAND THROWS LAMP AT HIS WIFE

Flames Spread in Tenement and Seven Persons Lose Their Lives.

(Special to the Times)

Cincinnati, Dec. 14.—A brawl between a man and his wife was responsible for a fire in a tenement house here in which seven persons were burned to death and three fatally injured.

The husband threw a oil lamp at his wife and the flames spread rapidly.

The bodies of the victims were found huddled near the emergency doors which refused to open.

HAMILTON CONVICTED.

Former Adjutant-General of Washington Found Guilty of Embezzlement.

(Special to the Times)

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 14.—Ortis Hamilton, former adjutant-general of Washington, has been found guilty on a minor charge of embezzlement of state funds. He will appeal for a new trial.

The sentence is from one to ten years.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

(Special to the Times)

Seattle, Dec. 14.—The opera house and jail building were destroyed by fire this morning. The loss amounts to \$200,000.

A turnkey alone took thirty prisoners from the jail, and not one was injured or escaped.

SEEKING OUTLET FOR POPULATION

JAPANESE EMISSARY TO VISIT ARGENTINE

Dr. Tamimura en Route to That Country Via New York.

To promote immigration of Japanese to the Argentine Republic is the work of Dr. Tamimura, a Japanese passenger, who arrived this morning from Yokohama on the steamer Montenegro and proceeded to Vancouver en route to New York.

Dr. Tamimura is an emissary from the court of Japan, and like all the emissaries from that court has a very smooth tongue and tells to a newsman just as much or as little as he thinks fit. His ostensible object in making the visit is to investigate the condition of immigrants in this country, but his real object it is learned is to secure letters of introduction from prominent men in New York to the authorities in Argentina.

Japan is at present seeking an outlet for her surplus population, but at present this is a difficult thing to find. While everyone professes the greatest friendship for that country no one wants them as settlers. The yellow peril is as imminent now as it ever was. A good many have been going to Brazil, but that country is now taking steps to shut them out, and very soon there will be no country to which they will be able to go, with the exception of Argentina.

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Dr. Tamimura is an able man. He has received an American education, having graduated from Yale. He has been intimately connected with the Japanese court for some time and will doubtless prove an able emissary. Argentine has never yet raised any objection to the importation of Japanese or Chinese. Should he succeed a large influx of Japanese into that country is looked for.

DISPUTE OVER RAILWAY LANDS

Appeal by B. B. Angus is Dismissed in the Supreme Court.

(Special to the Times)

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—The Supreme court yesterday gave judgment in Angus vs. Heinze, a British Columbia case, dismissing the appeal with costs.

The appellants, B. B. Angus and Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, acquired the title to a subsidy of lands of the Columbia and Western railway and agreed to divide them equally between themselves and F. August Heinze. The latter refused to take a conveyance of his share, as upon transfer it would become liable to taxation.

The Supreme court upheld the judgment of the provincial court that by the agreement obtained, the appellants were to hold the title until Heinze formally asked for a conveyance of his share.

ASK ADAMS TO MAKE REPORT

CITY COUNCIL AND THE BIG RESERVOIR

Lively Debate at Aldermanic Board's Meeting Last Night.

(Special to the Times)

Arthur L. Adams, water expert, who advised the city respecting the various improvements which were undertaken for the past six years, is to be asked to come to Victoria without expense to the corporation and report on the condition of the Smith's Hill reservoir. Another letter was read from the California engineer at last evening's meeting of the city council, in which Mr. Adams asked to be permitted to place Mr. Kempke in charge of the work of affecting the necessary repairs. The council decided to have nothing to do with Mr. Kempke, though Mr. Adams will be asked to come. It will depend on the will of the board as to whether a gentleman of Mr. Adams' selection will be given the job of repairing the leaky reservoir, or whether the work will be done by the city's own engineering staff.

The debate on the reservoir was a very interesting and lively one. Mayor Hall took occasion to pay his respects to the press, which he said was busy knocking the city and holding the members of the board up as a lot of fools. Ald. Humber created something in the nature of a sensation by declaring that Assistant Engineer Bryson had told him that the reservoir was leaking at a tremendous rate and that it would cost \$35,000 to effect repairs.

On the matter coming up for discussion, the city clerk read the following letter, which had just been received by Mr. Raynor, the water commissioner, from Mr. Adams:

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 8, 1909.
Dear Mr. Raynor: Your recent message leads me to conclude that certain interests in Victoria adverse to the water department of the city, the city administration, and myself, have gained that headway which makes it imprudent to longer delay taking definite action to secure absence of leakage in the Smith's Hill reservoir, even though that delay were warrantable on the score of ascertaining facts desirable in prescribing the best and cheapest remedy. I therefore address you this letter, and through you the honorable mayor and board of aldermen, for the purpose of urging immediate action. The leakage is to be regarded as a construction contingency provided for by special allowance by all engineers in estimating such structures and provided for in my detailed estimate of Smith Hill reservoir, the summary of which has been embodied in my reports.

Because of this fact, because of my professional and special interest as your engineer for some years past in counseling and advising the city in all its dealings with the Esquimalt Water Co.; because of my authorship of the plans and specifications under which the Smith Hill reservoir has been thus far built; because of my acting in a consulting capacity during its construction, and because of what I believe to have been, with the exception of this contingency, the satisfactory results of the professional relations between the city and myself under most difficult and adverse conditions from start to finish, because of all this and more, I feel that I have the right in fairness to myself and in the interest of the citizens of Victoria to expect that the public officials will suspend judgment, resist influenced clamor, and take such steps as may be necessary to make this structure an unqualified success. And I may say that under private ownership, where your handicap of influence or misinformed clamor has little power to reach construction policies and methods, the making tight of a leak in a reservoir would be attended to in regular course and that without comment.

I therefore request that the reservoir be again placed in the hands of Mr. Kempke, who did most of the concrete work, and that such remedies as I may recommend in the course of the work to be carried out. This work must be handled by one skilled and known to me to be skilled in such work. Mr. Kempke, I believe, meets these requirements. Furthermore, his previous connection with the structure under the city employ entitled him to the opportunity of bringing it to a successful issue.

ARTHUR L. ADAMS.
Ald. Stewart asked that the other letter received from Mr. Adams a few days ago also be read. This was done.

Ad. McKeown opened the debate by declaring he did not know who else was responsible for the condition of the reservoir if it was not Adams. The latter had had full charge, had appointed his own superintendent and ordered his own material. Now Mr. Adams wanted to send the same engineer up here

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diture on the work up to the total sum voted—\$59,000.

Ald. Mable said a few days ago he had been of the opinion that it was not advisable to have anything more to do with Adams, but he had changed his mind. It might be the best plan now to have Adams come here now and make a full report on the reservoir.

It could be decided afterwards whether it was right to give him any remuneration. He would move that he be asked to come to Victoria immediately.

Ald. Ross was of the opinion that if the city asked Mr. Adams to come they would have to pay him. He wanted to know what authority he had for paying Mr. Adams before it had been shown that he had done his work satisfactorily. He was not in favor of allowing Mr. Kempke, the old engineer, to have anything more to do with the job. He would say let Mr. Adams drop off.

Ald. Fullerton said he would second Ald. Mable's resolution. Mr. Adams did not say that it was the cement work which was faulty. It might be something not so serious, and therefore it would be advisable to have him come up and make a full report.

To Mr. Kempke, it could be decided after Mr. Adams had made his report as to whether that man should be hired again. He thought it the only fair way to all concerned was to give Mr. Adams an opportunity to make good.

Ald. Humber—at his own expense.

Ald. McKeown—Quite right. He should come here and look after his reputation. Maybe he will be able to do so in a very satisfactory fashion, and I hope he will, but he should come at his own expense. I should think he would be only too glad of the opportunity.

Ald. Raymond—he was in accord with the spirit of the resolution as far as it concerned giving Mr. Adams another chance to make good, but he could not support the idea of hiring Mr. Kempke. The latter had had a free hand in regard to the construction of the high level tank and it is not a success.

Mayor Hall—Wherein is it not a success?

Ald. Raymond—Well, it will not carry water full to the top.

Mayor Hall—that is not so. It will. It has been twice full to the top. It has had 24 feet of water in it.

The motion to ask Mr. Adams to come to Victoria at his own expense then carried unanimously.

May Hall—No, there was 24 feet in it for a time.

Ald. Raymond—Well, I have been told that the float had to be lowered so that the water would rise higher than a certain point.

Continuing, Ald. Raymond said he would vote for the motion providing it was not intended to re-engage Mr. Kempke.

To a question from Ald. Bishop, the mayor said that Mr. Bryson said it might be necessary to line the bottom of the reservoir with bricks dipped in hot asphaltum.

Ald. Humber—Smith's Hill reservoir must be leaking to-night sure enough.

I will support the motion that Adams be allowed to come, but we don't want Kempke. Mr. Bryson told me that the reservoir was leaking at the rate of 160,000 gallons every twenty-four hours.

Mr. Bryson had inspected the bottom of the reservoir two weeks ago and found it all right. Now that reservoir is a failure and every practical man in the city knows that it is.

How could it be expected it would hold water when it was laid with a mixture of concrete and broken rock?

There are men right in the city who are competent to remedy this matter.

Mr. Bryson told me a few days ago that it would cost \$35,000 to repair it.

Ald. Turner thought it was clear that Adams should be asked to come and make his full report.

Ald. Stewart deplored what Ald. Humber had said regarding what Mr. Bryson had told him. He (Ald. Stewart) had also had private conversation with Mr. Bryson.

He regarded what he had told him as confidential and would not repeat it.

He had no hesitation, however, in saying he did not believe that Mr. Bryson had ever said that the reservoir leaked at the rate of

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Mayor Hall—Knocking the city.

Ald. Stewart, continuing, said the papers were apparently attempting to show the board up as composed of a lot of fools. Now they had employed the best man obtainable for the job, and he had had complete control. There was a drain at the reservoir. What was it for? To take the water off—anybody could find that out. There was, he had been told, a spring up there right in the heart of the reservoir, and much of the water that came through the drain did not leak through the reservoir. The reservoir was not in nearly so serious a condition as the public believed it to be. It was not right, it was true, but the difficulty should not be magnified.

Ald. Humber declared he would stand by every word he had said in respect to what Mr. Bryson had told him. Now it would take only 20 days to fill the reservoir. Why not fill it and satisfy the public? "Fill it up, let's be men," cried the alderman.

Ald. Stewart said there was an association of engineers to which Mr. Bryson, Mr. Topps and Mr. Adams all belonged, and it was inconceivable that Mr. Bryson had taken upon himself to criticize the work of a brother professional man. To do so would mean that he would be read out of the society.

Ald. Stewart, continuing, said, he approved of sending for Adams, but he did not want anything more to do with Mr. Kempke. He would even go so far as to agree to dismiss Adams.

Ald. Henderson thought it would be just as well to give Mr. Adams a chance to report. When he made this report they could decide what they would do afterwards. He had visited the reservoir on numerous occasions, and had come to the conclusion that the situation was not so bad as had been depicted. There was a great amount of water which was falling on the banks of the reservoir which ran off in the drains and should not be attributed to leakage.

Ald. Raymond—Why not fill the reservoir up, if it is not in bad shape?

At Ald. Turner's suggestion Mr. Raymond was asked to address the board. Mr. Raymond explained why it was that the reservoir had not been emptied at the time Mr. Adams had suggested that should be done. Lately a work was being made to empty it and a few days ago the water commissioners allowed of Mr. Bryson making a full examination of the bottom, and he has found all the joints tight.

To Ald. Mable, Mr. Raymond said that Mr. Icke had never told him the reason why he left the job.

To Ald. Fullerton, Mr. Raymond said it was true that Mr. Icke had told him he was dissatisfied with the concrete, but he (Raymond) had replied that he should report to Mr. Adams or Mr. Donowen.

To Ald. Bishop, Mr. Raymond said that when there was 12 feet of water in the reservoir it was leaking a good deal.

Mayor Hall said he would approve of the motion, and to say that in his opinion the press had grossly misrepresented the situation respecting the reservoir. Everything he (the mayor) had said respecting the reservoir had been done on Mr. Adams' advice.

He believed that the board had every justification for relying entirely on Mr. Adams' advice until they find that another course is in the interest of the city.

The papers were knocking the city. Why people would imagine that the members of the board had "not sense enough to go in out of the rain." Now the aldermen of the city—and perhaps the mayor, too—would agree as high in intelligence as the critics of the board. The press should have more patience, and quit knocking the city by saying the reservoir is an absolute failure.

If the reservoir was a failure, how was it that there was now sixty pounds pressure at the hydrants where there was only fifteen before it was built?

The mayor went on to illustrate the good work that had been done by the present administration. They had worked to a disadvantage in respect to finances, but had nevertheless made a good showing. He concluded by another reference to the papers, which ought not to assume that the board was neglecting the interests of the city all the time.

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**PRESS FOR
CONTROLLERS****DEPUTATION INTERVIEWS****THE CITY COUNCIL**

R. L. Drury Explains Some of
Advantages of the
System.

Previous to the regular session of the city council last evening, a deputation of ratepayers, headed by Ald. Hanna, waited on the board and presented a petition praying that the action in postponing the vote on the by-law for the creation of a board of control be reconsidered. R. L. Drury was the spokesman for the deputation and he contended that it was obvious to all that a change in the present system of managing the city's affairs was imperative. The mayor promised that the views of the deputation would receive full consideration, though it is improbable that any further action will be taken by the council this year.

Mr. Drury said it ought to be possible to arrange to place the responsibility somewhere. Just now that could not be done. The ratepayers look to their representatives on the board to see that the affairs of the city are properly administered, but take the case of the chairman of the streets, sewers and bridges committee. He had given a lot of his time to the affairs of the city, but it was no injustice to him to say that if he were asked to accept responsibility for the condition of the streets he would say no. Mr. Drury was very sure that the public was fair enough not to demand responsibility from such representative who could not be expected to give all his time to seeing that work was properly carried out. But was it not clear that if there was in his place some permanent official who would be paid a salary to give all his time to the work that responsibility could be fixed, and that this responsibility could not be shirked?

It had been said in some quarters that controllers would not be able to work to advantage unless they were experts. He dissented from that view. As an illustration he cited the success which attended the management of big private enterprises. The Empress hotel for instance was successfully managed by a man who did not know how to run the kitchen, but the directors of the company would nevertheless hold him responsible for the success of the whole institution.

Mr. Drury had the other evening heard one of the mayoralty candidates say that the mayor and aldermen were the same as the president and directors of a company and should not interfere with the heads of the departments. He had afterwards spoken to him about this, pointing out that there was no case on record where the president and directors ever dispensed with the services of a manager. They would have to find some person to accept responsibility. It was quite impossible to define exactly what were the duties of a manager, yet such a man had it in his power to wreck the affairs of any company, or, on the other hand, to achieve a huge success. Thus the city should have a man in close touch with all the affairs of the city. He claimed that controllers would have a knowledge of the workings of every department and thus the people would be able to fix responsibility, and the controllers could assert their authority.

Mr. Drury cited the experience of other cities in Canada where the board of control system had worked to great advantage. In Toronto the office of controller was considered a stepping stone to the position of mayor—there was a well-beaten path from the position of alderman to mayor via the controllership. He strongly urged that Victoria should adopt the system. "Certainly things could not be worse than they are," declared Mr. Drury.

Ald. McKeown—Quite a compliment, I must say.

Wm. Oliphant, a member of the deputation, was the next speaker. He cited the experience of Edmonton, where he used to live, to indicate how splendid was the board of control system. They had never had a bit of satisfaction in the management of their civic work until they had got controllers. They appointed two and paid them \$2,500 per year and they gave every satisfaction. Mr. Oliphant contended that the board would be making no mistake if it decided that Victoria would get in line with the other progressive cities in Canada. He felt sure that the system would prove not only a blessing to Victoria but a blessing to the board of aldermen, as the latter's duties would not be so onerous as at present.

Mr. Hanna, who was called on by the mayor, said he was assured by Mr. Taylor, the city barrister, that the act contained all that was necessary for the by-law. If there were certain flaws it was in the province of the aldermen to amend it where necessary. He felt that the citizens wished to vote on the proposal at the earliest possible date, and he urged that the board should reconsider its decision.

Mayor Hall said that all the members of the board were agreed that the matter should be placed before the citizens at the earliest possible date, but before that was done the by-law must be in proper shape, and as there were some defects in the act it was considered advisable to ask the Union

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CIVIC AFFAIRS.

The press, says Ald. Stewart, has been holding up the aldermen as a pack of fools and giving the council a black eye.

As far as the Times is concerned, there is absolutely no warrant for the statement of Ald. Stewart. We have not held the aldermen up to public ridicule as a pack of fools, and if we state the facts as they appear on evidence is to give the council a black eye, then nobody deserves to appear before the public with discolored optics.

We do not believe, much less do we state, that the aldermen are a pack of fools. We know that in point of intelligence they measure up to a very high average. In regard to their integrity there is not a breath of suspicion. We unhesitatingly say that in these respects it is doubtful whether Victoria ever had a better council.

Nevertheless there is no doubt of the fact that somewhere in the municipality there is incapacity. The condition of the streets, the state of the reservoir, the failure of the salt water fire protection system, and many other results of inefficiency, all bear testimony to the fact.

And, with the single exception of the Mayor, possibly, it is a curious thing that all the members of the council privately admit that costly mistakes have been made in the administration of the city's works department. It is only when they convene in council that they talk of the mischievous effects of publicity, "giving the council a black eye," and "knocking the city."

When the Smith's Hill reservoir was under construction the Times received communication after communication alleging that the work was not being properly done, that serious mistakes were being made in the methods of laying the concrete, that the plans were not in accordance with accepted standards, and that events would prove the soundness of the critics' views.

We refused to publish these letters, giving as reasons therefor the fact that the council had placed the work in competent hands, and that for the time being there its responsibility ended.

That work is finished. Will any member of the Board of Aldermen assume the responsibility of saying that it is satisfactory—that it will serve in all respects the end for which it was designed? It cannot be filled. If it is not absolutely useless, it is of very little value. It cannot be made to fulfil the purpose for which it was built except at an expenditure of many thousands of dollars, how many thousands no engineer will at present undertake to say.

The facts are admitted; but we are told it is "knocking the city" to make them public. Has not the public a right to know the facts? Is it not entitled to information as to whether the money taken from its pockets in taxation—in ever increasing taxation—at that has been wisely spent or has been wasted? Does any alderman mean to say if there were no newspapers and the ratepayers were never to go to the City Council for information, the information desired could be refused?

As we have said, the council of 1909 is probably as good as a council individually as Victoria has ever had. But it has made two serious mistakes, probably guided by weak counsel. It has endeavored to conceal facts which are apparent to every one who has eyes and uses them, and it has tried to shun out of responsibility which plainly rests upon its shoulders.

No one assumes to hold the members of the council directly responsible for mistakes and blunders. But it stands between the people and the officials who make mistakes and blunders. The people will hold it responsible if it fails to establish the direct responsibility and to act as any privately conducted concern would act under similar circumstances.

Until that principle in the conduct

of Victoria's municipal affairs is accepted and established, it will be vain to look for any improvement. The creation of a board of control would not mechanically bring about a reformation. The city council is just as directly responsible to the people as a board of control would be. No member of a board of control, unless he were an expert in every department of labor, professional and mechanical, having to do with the construction of a reservoir, could have checked the operations at Smith's Hill and saved the city the cost it will have to assume to render that basin fit for service. The duty now at hand can be discharged just as effectively by the city council as by a board of control. The present council understand perfectly well what that duty is. Will it have the courage to do it?

INTERESTS DRAWING CLOSER.

Miss Agnes Deans Cameron, not unknown in Victoria, is going to the Old Country to tell the readers of the London Daily Mail what she knows about Canada. Mr. J. S. Willison, one of the foremost newspaper men of Canada, and formerly editor in chief of the Toronto Globe, is on his way to the Old Country in connection with a scheme of Lord Northcliffe, proprietor of the London Times and other newspapers, to keep the people of Great Britain and Canada better informed upon all matters relating to the welfare of the Empire. Mr. Stewart Lyon, one of the editors of the Toronto Globe, has been delegated to proceed to Great Britain for the purpose of noting at first hand the progress of the most momentous political campaign, probably, that has ever been fought in the history of the country. Evidently the interests of the Mother Country, and the chief of her daughter states, are considered as becoming more intimate and important. The London Times believes the time has come when the public of Great Britain should be thoroughly informed upon the political and the material progress of this country; the Toronto Globe, which in Canada occupies a position analogous to that of the Times in the Old Country, thinks the people of Canada should have authentic information in regard to the fierce struggle now proceeding in Great Britain for constitutional liberty. The Daily Mail, the Times and the Globe are all to be congratulated on the enterprise they are displaying and Canada is to be congratulated upon having produced three writers and journalists of such recognized capacity. But we do hope Miss Cameron will not come back inoculated with the Suffragette virus.

The real "knockers" of Victoria are the men clothed in authority who have not the strength to efficiently fill the positions to which they have been elected, not the newspapers which do their best to ferret out the truth and place it before the public. The system of repression of facts is at the bottom of all the slackness in municipal methods. The ratepayers of the city have dealt generously with the present council. Not a dollar estimated as necessary to carry out pressing improvements has been withheld. The people who voted that money have a perfect right to know what use has been made of it. If the Smith's Hill reservoir is all right or can be made all right at trifling expenditure, the facts can surely be easily determined. It is the suppression of the facts that is setting all the wild rumors in circulation about breakdowns in other civic works. It is always the best policy to be frank with the people and to trust them to saddle responsibility on the proper shoulders.

There was a time when the press, of the United States held up to public opprobrium, as they thought, all citizens of that country who came under their attention as becoming British subjects. The newspapers do not mention the name of the states as having tried the plan does not prove as far as the question concerns ourselves. The Colorado laws for the benefit of women and children are no better than those of eastern states. Many call them worse, in fact.

CURRENT COMMENT.

WHERE MRS. PANKHURST FAILED

(Detroit Free Press)

But while the fair emissary has converted all of us to the point where we are ready to vote for female suffrage in England, it is painfully evident that she will really influence public opinion in this country very little, so far as the question concerns ourselves.

The fundamental principles approved include a recommendation that, without impairing the complete control of the government of each dominion over the military forces raised within it, these forces should be raised, standardised, the formation of units, the arrangements for transport, and the patterns of weapons being, as far as possible, assimilated to those which have recently been worked out for the British army. Thus, while the dominion troops would in each case be raised for the defence of the dominion concerned, it would be made readily practicable in case of need for that dominion to mobilise and use them for the defence of the Empire as a whole.

The dominions are, therefore, to consider and work out a policy by means of which the units of their existing forces will be so organised as to be capable of mobilising at the war establishments of corresponding units in the United Kingdom, so that, should circumstances demand it, a proportion of these forces could be made available for Imperial purposes. It is hoped that the development of the forces of the dominions during the next few years will enable their respective governments to consider the whole question of the numbers that might be made available for Imperial services, always remembering that a passive defence is no defence.

Empire and Sea Power.

The general staff paper referred to above states that the forces of the Empire number 1,300,000, but many of these are localised for defence. The army of offence is small, and the dominions are agreed to combine into an effective instrument to bring full striking power to bear on the decisive point. Without a combined organisation we cannot do this. The paper goes on as follows:

The dominions have shown their appreciation of the foregoing principles by their desire to share in the burden imposed by naval armaments, and by their endeavour to organise efficient local forces. The assembly of this conference is a signal proof, if proof were needed, that the citizens of Great Britain are now alive to the vital necessity of sea power, and that they realise that without it co-operation in war would be impossible, and the dissolution of our scattered Empire inevitable. The risk of such disaster must be avoided at all costs. It seems almost certain that if the United Kingdom, with the aid of her daughter nations, can successfully maintain her maritime position, if the Empire continues to increase in military strength proportionately to its growth in wealth and population, and if we can organise some comprehensive system of Imperial strategy based upon the idea of mutual support by land and sea, the time cannot be far distant when we shall be practically unassailable.

In the case of a world-wide power without naval protection, would be like the British Empire, our armies, chained to their own shores, unable to move to the point of danger or to cooperate in any way. Similarly, our fleets, without the support of sufficiently numerous and adequately trained defensive armaments, would be fettered in their action by the want of naval bases and by the fears of a defenceless population whilst, without strong and well-organised military forces available for expeditionary action, we should be powerless to protect our land frontiers, to co-operate with an allied power, to carry a war into an enemy's country, or to bring it to a decisive issue.

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A UNITED ARMYOFFICIAL PAPERS ON
DEFENCE CONFERENCEDECISIONS ACCEPTED AS TO ARMY-
NAVAL DECISIONS—EMPIRE-
AND SEA POWER.

The papers concerning the Imperial Conference on Defence have been issued, says the London Standard, and give details of the proposals involved.

The formation of a common army of Empires is dealt with, as well as the creation of an Imperial general staff (now in hand) and naval co-operation, both of which latter subjects have been fully dealt with already in parliament.

The question of military defence was discussed, particularly with reference to a general staff paper circulated for the consideration of the conference, entitled "Proposals for so organising the military forces of the Empire as to ensure their effective co-operation in the event of war." The representatives of the self-governing dominions signified their general concurrence in the proposition "that each part of the Empire is willing to make its preparations on such lines as will enable it, should it so desire, to take its share in the general defence of the Empire."

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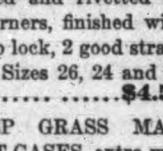
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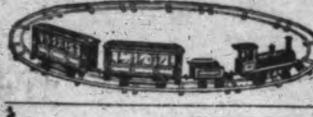
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The regular meeting of Victoria Loyal True Blue Association will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 15th. All members are requested to be present, as there are candidates to be initiated. After initiation a sociable time is looked for. Visitors are welcome. The meeting will be held in the A. O. F. hall, corner Pandora and Broad streets.

M. A. Jull, poultry commissioner for this province, left on Sunday last for Ganges Harbor, where he will address the Farmers' Institute this evening on questions connected with poultry. To-morrow he will visit many of the poultry farms at Salt Spring Island, and on Thursday he will travel to Pender Island. On the evening of Thursday he will address a meeting at Mayne Island. Mr. Jull is imparting a great deal of knowledge to the farmers engaged in this industry.

Patrons of the Victoria theatre last evening were met with a refund of their money, but the cause of this, far from being the fault of the management, was a distinct credit to it. When the films for the first part of the week were run through the bioscope for test it was found that several of them had been seen here before. Manager Denham, whose distinct policy it is that the films shown on picture evenings shall not be only the best to be had but shall be distinctly original, took exception. Until an assurance can be had from the firm supplying the films that entirely new scenes are to be supplied at each change the picture evenings will be discontinued. Mr. Denham expects that arrangements can be completed shortly to this end.

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DOUBLE EXECUTION HAS BEEN POSTPONED

Appeal Court to Consider Case of Men Awaiting Death at Clinton.

One of the criminal cases to come before the Court of Appeal when it holds its first sitting here on January 4th is the reserve case regarding Robert Walker, a white man, and William Chinley, an Indian. These men are under sentence of death for the murder of an Indian woman named Agnes, who was killed in a brutal fashion on the reservation at Quesnel.

The execution was to take place on Friday next, but in view of the reserve case, which was granted by Mr. Justice Morrison, the trial judge, a reprieve to February 20th has been allowed. The crown case was conducted by the attorney-general in person at this trial, while the accused were defended by Stuart Henderson. The latter objected to the admission of an ante-mortem statement and the legal position as to the admissibility of this will be argued before the Court of Appeal.

All members of the Victoria Hockey Club are requested to attend a meeting to be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the Institute hall for the purpose of decorating and preparing the hall for the concert to be held tomorrow evening.

The North Ward Athletic Club will hold its midwinter dance in the A. O. U. hall to-night. A large number of tickets have been sold, and a good time is anticipated. All arrangements have now been made by those in charge. At the close of the dance a supper will be served.

The final lecture of the course at Emanuel Baptist church will be given to-night on The French Revolution, by the pastor, Rev. William Stevenson. Ex-Mayor Morrison will take the chair at 8 p. m. Tickets may be had at the door.

Instructions have been received at the local offices of the Western Union Telegraph Company to remain open at nights until further notice. Owing to the extra business which develops at this time of the year it has been found necessary to take this step.

Patrons of the Empress theatre were delightedly surprised last Saturday when Miss Thelma Davis made her first appearance before a Victoria audience. Miss Davis has a clear, strong voice which is exceedingly sweet. The management are to be congratulated on procuring such a good vocalist. To-day she is singing "What the Rose Said."

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Speeches ringing with loyalty to the empire and the old flag were made, stirring songs were rendered and an enjoyable evening was spent by the large gathering.

George Jay, past president, was a splendid chairman. He proposed the loyal toast after an excellent dinner had been disposed of, and these were drunk with all the honor.

"The Imperial and Colonial Forces" was proposed by W. P. Allen, past president, and responded to by Lieuts. T. D. Veitch and R. P. Clarke, of the Fifth Regiment, "Sons and Daughters of England" was proposed by C. F. Beaven, and the reply was by Bros. J. Hillier and Savage. The toast of the Dominion and Provincial parliaments was given by A. Lees and James Critchley responded. G. W. Hall proposed a toast to the city council, responded to by Mayor Hall. The health of the host and hostess was proposed by J. Chadwick and Mr. Davis replied.

The musical portion of the programme was contributed by J. Symmons, J. G. Millet and W. Williams.

The National Anthem brought the evening to a close.

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Contributions Made Locally to Furnish Dinner to Ragged School Children.

Liberal subscriptions in aid of the Christmas dinner to London's poor are coming in steadily to A. J. Brace, of the Y. M. C. A., who represents the local branch of the Shaftesbury Society in this work. The money will be cabled in time to be available for the purposes intended. Already the following sums have been donated: £1. 12s. H. R. Sollick, 50c.; Mrs. A. E. H., 50c.; Mrs. Tubb, 32s.; Mrs. Dixon, 32s.; Tom and Nellie, 12s.; Misses Fraser, 11s.; F. F. Hedges, 22s.; Mrs. F., 22s.; Beaumont, 50c.; Sympathizer, 15s.; Mrs. H. Sollick, 11s.; and Mrs. Mrs. Gillespie, 15s. D. S. and E. Gillespie, 22s.; S. S., 11s.; Waverley, 11s.; J. A. La., 11s.; C. P. Bennett, 50c.; First Congregational Y. M. B. class, 11s.; A. J. Gellatly, 35s.; Mrs. Muckett, 25s.; anonymous, 11s. 25s.; Esquimalt Methodist S.S., 14s. 40s.; Spring Ridge Baptist boys' class, 15s.; A. Friend, 11s.; G. Hillier, 22s.; H. Savage, 50c.; J. Chadwick, 50c.; Mrs. Harris, 22s.; Clarence and Dorothy, 50c.; per Mrs. Jas. Green, 37s. 50s.; Emmanuel Baptist S. S., 11s. 50s.; Burnside Baptist S. S., 11s. 60s.; Dick Cole, 50c.; Mrs. Innes' children, 11s. 50s.; A. W. McCurdy, 11s.; George Barr, 11s.; St. John's C. E. S. S., 11s.; St. Andrews' Presbyterian S. S., 11s.; Christ Church S. S., 11s. 25s.; Spring Ridge Methodist S. S., 11s. 25s.; Paul's C. E. S. S., 11s.; anonymous, 14s. 40s.; Gospel Hall, Pandora street, 11s. 50s.; total, \$185.30.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 14.—5 a.m.—A vast area of high pressure, now centred over British Columbia and Washington, covers the entire region from the Yukon southward to Arizona and from the Pacific eastward to the Mississippi. Rain has fallen in the Lower Mainland and at Port Simpson, but the weather on the North Pacific slope is generally fair, with normal temperatures. East of the Rockies snow is falling in the southern parts of the prairie provinces and temperatures are decreasing.

Forecasts.

For 5 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday, Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate northerly winds, generally fair, with frost at night.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair, with frost at night.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.61; temperature, 38; minimum, 22; wind, 8 miles N. weather, clear.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.64; temperature, 34; minimum, 24; wind, 4 miles W. rain, 6s; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.65; temperature, 29; minimum, 20; wind, 4 miles S. weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.50; temperature, 18; minimum, 14; wind, 4 miles S. weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, 48; minimum, 45; wind, 18 miles N. weather, clear.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.41; temperature, 42; minimum, 34; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, 18; minimum, 14; wind, 4 miles S. weather, clear.

Winnipeg—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, 18; minimum, 16; wind, 20 miles S.W.; snow, .6s; weather, snowing.

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ROD AND GUN.

In wealth of matter and variety of subjects, everyone interesting to sportsmen, the Christmas (December) number of Rod and Gun in Canada, published by W. J. Taylor, Woodstock, Ont., is notable. An appropriate Christmas gift is given to the first two stories and adds something to the interest both will evoke. Hunting, fishing and exploring papers, widely different in character and displaying in a remarkable way the wonderful resources of the Dominion in these several respects, fill a number no sportsman can afford to miss. The study of the wild waterfowl of the Pacific Coast by Bonny castle Dale will appeal to all lovers of bird life while the stories of days with the deer, mountain sheep, bear, wolves and a fox will recall many pleasant experiences. Bird shooters will revel in the papers dealing with duck and woodcock, while one on Grouse Shooting in the Motherland is included in a portion of its exceptionally strong descriptive force, giving Canadian sportsmen a pleasant change and enabling them to enjoy a different view point to that generally taken by them. Mountain climbing in East and West, a mysterious Indian story, fishing from tuna and salmon to trout, and many other items fill a number which should be included by all interested in the great outdoors, in their Christmas reading. They cannot fail to find interest and pleasure in its perusal.

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W. E. OLIVER AT SPRING RIDGE WATER AND STREETS ARE NEEDS OF CITY Good Reception Given to the Candidate by Electors.

W. E. Oliver, candidate for mayor of the city, met the electors in the Spring Ridge district last night in the Fernwood hall and laid down the lines of the policy he would pursue should he be elected mayor. Water and good streets, he says, are the city's principal needs and later in the evening he said he did not think there was any necessity for a board of control. He was introduced to the audience by the chairman, J. G. Brown, and said:

"I respect the Spring Ridge residents because I see they have the same contempt for public meetings that I have. I see there are very few here. I dislike talking just as much as I dislike hearing people talk too much and I propose to be even shorter than I was at my last meeting. I have no personal reason for seeking election. It is an extreme discomfort to myself as I don't like public functions of any kind. I have been asked why I did not stay in the Oak Bay council. Oak Bay's prosperity depends on that of Victoria. The mismanagement of the city has kept Oak Bay back, so I concluded I could work for Oak Bay better through the city. My interests are in Victoria, although I live in Oak Bay. I think I can do more good as mayor of the city than as councillor of Oak Bay."

"There are two things of importance for the city—water and streets. Water is Victoria's first importance. That to my mind is before anything else. People coming here intending to settle are driven away by dust and insufficient water. This is at its worst when the tourist is here and that is the only thing that keeps Victoria from being a big prosperous city with prosperous districts surrounding it."

Mr. Oliver then denied that he had any interest in the Esquimalt water works company. He had sold all his stock, bought four years ago last October, for the express purpose of qualifying for mayoral candidature. He said people in Victoria had to be told a thing ten times before they believed it, and if his statement didn't satisfy electors he would answer any questions or give any proof that the electors could suggest.

He advocated the final settlement of the water question and will be willing to put every matter up to the rate-payers as he wants them to have all the facts. He said he was not bound to any particular scheme, but would propose to have it thrashed out as soon as possible after election by referendum. There has in the past been a considerable amount of prejudice and the ratepayer has not been in a position to judge the water question. "The schemes for the settlement of the water question are," said Mr. Oliver, "by extension of Elk lake, which would take in contaminating agricultural lands, and to exercise the statutory rights and take water from the Esquimalt Water Company. These are temporary ways of settlement. The final ways are to buy the Esquimalt waterworks or to go to Spoke lake. May we, however, is on broader ground. The city is part of surrounding municipalities, and all suffer from drought in the summer."

The question has to be settled for all the surrounding municipalities. The way it is done in England is to bring all these bodies together and have a joint water board for the whole of the affected districts. If this was done here the provincial government would be represented as part of the territory is public lands and the chances are the government would approve and lend its credit in financing the bonds. The board would have to take over the city waterworks and issue bonds guaranteed by the municipalities and the provincial government. The same course would be adopted in regard to Sooke the payment being made by sale of bonds. The security of interest and sinking fund would be the rates and if there was a deficit the municipalities would have to share it proportionately, but careful management would do away with a deficit. Water should be sold at just over cost and all credits go entirely to water account. (Applause.)

The board should have power to appropriate existing works, first taking over the city water works at a fair value and then obtain an option on the Esquimalt property and then hold perpetual rights on Sooke lake. Mr. Oliver said he did not think the reserve on Sooke lake was at present perpetual, but the city should make it so and get its hands on all water supply available. Then it could be bought when the city desired to go there.

On the question of streets Mr. Oliver said they were in an atrocious condition. They are badly kept and people said the cost was excessive. "I don't want to blame anyone," he said, "there are a lot of things in this city that are bad. Finding out who is to blame won't mend the matter. Other cities have things properly done, why not Victoria?"

Everyone has an interest in the city thoroughfares. The city's reputation rests on these. The engineers should make a plan of the street work required and work from the centre of the city outward. In regard to the city streets, these should be helped by the general fund, as they were of everybody's interest while the outside streets were of individual interest only in comparison. Referring to pavement Mr. Oliver said: "Any engineer that doesn't know the best pavement to use for the different parts of the city does not know his business." Aldermen should not interfere with the engineer

individually, but if they saw faulty work should report it to the council and let that body take action.

Oak Bay started with contract labor, but owing to exceptional labor conditions about two years ago had to change temporally to day labor. If the works were in charge of a thoroughly competent conscientious foreman no system could be better than day labor. If on the other hand an experienced or honest contractor could be secured nothing could be better than contract work. It all depended on the men. In his opinion the city of Victoria would have had far better and cheaper work done if it had put them out to contract. He approved of the city expropriating the sand and gravel pits and regrading them. He thought it a good plan provided the re-sale of the pits would return as much money as the cost of expropriation, but he did not believe in the general fund being drawn on for this purpose. He did not see any reason for the city requiring two lawyers to do its work. If the B. C. Electric Company's charter compelled them to keep in repair the centre of the car tracks and eighteen inches of road either side, Mr. Oliver agreed that the company should be made to do it. He was not familiar with the charter, but believed in all the powers the city had been enforced, and if the charter did not cover this he thought the company might be persuaded to do it as a matter of justice.

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SYDNEY THOMSON ON THE AMATEUR MATTER

Well Known Sportsman Out of Sympathy With the B. C. A. A. U.

To the Sporting Editor:—I have read the account of the proceedings of the recent meeting of the B. C. A. A. U. executive, and the resolutions passed at that meeting appear to me to be altogether too harsh and stringent. Why should soccer players be debarred from playing with professionals while other branches of sport admit professionalism? It seems to me to be a very poor law that can be stretched at will by the C. A. A. U. and I would like to take this opportunity of sounding a note of warning to the B. C. A. A. U. If the B. C. A. A. U. insists on the law being lived up to strictly, we can say good-bye to the majority of sports in Victoria, unless I would call the attention of the B. C. A. A. U. to the point in particular, the players themselves probably being stronger than the union, which, in my humble opinion, I think they will certainly do. I might say that in some personal matters which I had with the C. A. A. U. some years ago, and to which the B. C. A. A. U. is affiliated, I found them most unbusinesslike and inconsistent in their methods, and can furnish proofs of statements in this respect, and such being the case I beg leave to differ with the union in the definition of an amateur.

The B. C. A. A. U. might do themselves a lot of good, and sport in general, if they would adopt the methods in vogue in the Old Country regarding amateurs and professionals. There are scores of amateurs playing with and against professionals and their amateur standing has never been impaired, and why cannot the same conditions prevail here? I consider that as long as a player is a pal directly or indirectly for his services to a game, and is playing for the love of the game, that player is an amateur in every sense of the word, notwithstanding the fact that all his associates on the field are professionals. I presume that if the B. C. A. A. U. follow the law literally they will professionalize all the members of the Vancouver Cricket Club because they employ a professional manager, which, to my mind, would appear absurd, and everybody who ever appeared on an athletic field will be placed under the professional, because the law will committee the B. C. A. A. U. to suspend practically every athlete in the province; that is, if the present definition of an amateur is allowed to hold good. To my mind this is a very critical stage (for the B. C. A. A. U.), and I only hope that some method may be arrived at which we can get what will not only be a true, but a proper definition of an amateur.

Thanking you for the courtesy of inserting this,

SYDNEY C. THOMSON.
Victoria, B. C., 13th Dec., 1905.

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JAMES BAY EASILY

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Basketball Game Last
Night.

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The winners were the best of the teams, J. B. A. A. being outclassed.

The score in the first half were: North Ward—Baines 3, Art Dakers 4, Johnson 2 and Joe Dakers 2, while the J. B. A. A. points were netted by Todd 5, McDougal 2.

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"J. B. A. A.—McDougal and Paden, forwards; Todd, centre; Russell and Hughes, guards.

NORTH WARD BEAT

JAMES BAY EASILY

Twenty-three to Twelve in
Basketball Game Last
Night.

The J. B. A. basketball five went

down to defeat last night in the basketball league when defeated easily by North Ward team which scored 23

points to 12.

The winners were the best of the teams, J. B. A. A. being outclassed.

The score in the first half were: North Ward—Baines 3, Art Dakers 4, Johnson 2 and Joe Dakers 2, while the J. B. A. A. points were netted by Todd 5, McDougal 2.

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are what plutocrat and peasant alike are aiming at in these end-of-the-century days of keen, intelligent competition.

It is entirely true that this is not the sit-still age. To do big things in little time—to roll up wealth in youth for the peace and comfort of advanced years—to have plaidy of mind and the luxuries that go hand-in-hand with a successful life—to live an honest, God-fearing existence —this is about all we get out of the Biblical allotment of three-score years and ten!

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This corporation, officered by responsible Victoria and Vancouver men, owns 40 acres, outright, in Coalinga, California, the champion oil field of the world. Fortunes are being made here before breakfast and no business, profession or calling offers the returns that the oil industry affords.

Also, we have 60 acres in Midway, California, now vieing with Coalinga for supremacy as a money-making oil country.

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Never in the history of promotions in British Columbia has such a gigantic yet genuine opportunity for quick money-making been afforded the investing public.

Even as the assayer reckons gold at its intrinsic value we flaunt our banner to the breeze. To show our faith, we are willing to pay the expenses of any investor to our property and permit first-sight or visual evidence of what we possess and the vast possibilities in store.

Stock in this company is now 25 cents per share. It won't stay there long and there is but a small block now offered.

It is going like a prairie fire, so come in before too late.

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APPROACH OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Opportunities Afforded for Assisting in Making Others Happy.

Preparations are being made for spending Christmas holidays. This season, which means so many as possible, the reunion of families and the gatherings of old friends, will be celebrated in Victoria in good old English style. There will be large numbers of family gatherings, but there are always a few who are unable to meet with the rest of their blood relations. These have usually gathered around them a number of others who are in like situation, or will be admitted to some family circle. In the West friendships are quickly made and there will be few but have some merry group of which they can form a part.

This is the time when those who have already made their own festive arrangements may well look around and see what they can do towards making the few lonely ones as happy as themselves. The good people of the Friendly Help Society are busying themselves with providing for the material wants of those who are needy, but there is something which this society cannot do which often can be done by individuals.

The strangers in the city can well be looked after. There is no season of the year like this for extending the hand of friendship to those who have recently arrived here and who have no circle of friends to welcome them.

A number of Victorians will be leaving the city to join friends or relatives in Vancouver, Seattle, or more distant points. The railways are giving special rates of a fare and a third for those who return within a reasonable time, and the steamboats will charge only \$2.50 for the return trip to the neighboring cities.

The fact that Christmas Day comes on Saturday this year gives an extra day on which to celebrate, and allows many to go out of town who otherwise would not have been able to do so. Next Friday the schools close, thus giving a week in which to prepare.

The fact that most Victorians are prosperous this year insures that the season will be one of the jolliest that has ever been celebrated here.

GIRL AT THE HELM.

Musical Comedy That Comes on Friday Night.

H. H. Frazer's big musical comedy classic, "A Girl at the Helm," will be offered at the Victoria theatre on Friday, with Billy Clifford and a host of helpers, principally pretty girls. The cast of principals has been carefully selected and includes among others Marguerite De Von, Hilda Mason, Mable Palmer, Harry Dickeson and Jack Trainor.

"A Girl at the Helm" is a distinct departure from the ordinary musical comedy, in that its music is exquisite, the book consistent, funny and clever and the ensemble numbers are delightfully artistic.

There are surprises without agitation and a commendable plot with amusing situations not at all dependent on the music and dancing.

The garnishing of the play lies not alone in its splendid dainty chorus, its scenery and the motor boat race, but in the fairy-like electric effects with which its producer, H. H. Frazer, has so cleverly clothed it. "A Girl at the Helm" is high class, dainty, like its chorus, and makes and retains a good impression.

The six months' stay at the La Salle theatre, Chicago, stamps this attraction as one of the most popular successes this successful producing playhouse has had in years.

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Social and Personal

H. Graham left for the Terminal city last night.

H. S. Griffith is on a business trip to Seattle.

Mrs. Watson is visiting friends in Vancouver.

J. H. Poff and wife, of Vancouver, are in the city.

H. G. Parsons, M. P. P., of Golden, is at the Empress.

A. J. Brace went over to Seattle last night on business.

J. L. Brown was a passenger last night for Vancouver.

F. B. Springer was a passenger last night for Vancouver.

Miss Oliver of this city, is visiting friends in Vancouver.

A. W. Johnson left on a business trip to Vancouver last night.

H. G. Wilson left last night for Vancouver on a business trip.

E. A. Morris is spending several days in Vancouver on business.

J. A. Fullerton, of the C. P. R. steamship service, is in the city.

E. J. Galt sailed for Seattle on the Princess Victoria last night.

John Cochrane has moved into his new home on Linden avenue.

Thomas Hooper went over to Vancouver last night on a business trip.

J. W. Balfour and R. L. Reid were passengers for Vancouver last night.

Miss Blakemore is spending several days in Vancouver visiting friends.

F. C. Gamble crossed over to the mainland last night on the Princess Charlotte.

Mr. Justice Morrison went over to Vancouver last night on the Princess Charlotte.

A. S. McDonald and M. Scott were among the passengers for the mainland last night.

L. J. Snapp was among last night's passengers for Vancouver on the Princess Charlotte.

Mrs. D. Madden will be at home to her friends in her new cottage, 825 Flisgurd street.

B. Green, of Vancouver, after spending a number of days in this city, left last night for the Terminal city.

W. H. P. Phipps of New Westminster, who has been spending some time in this city, left last night for Vancouver.

Mrs. James M. Mills, 113 Ladysmith street, will not receive as usual on Wednesday, 15th inst, but on every third Wednesday hereafter.

NEW GRAND THEATRE.

Gertrude Van Dyke, a young woman with a piquant face and a charming presence, appeared at the New Grand theatre yesterday in a very novel little tabloid musical comedy or comic opera in which she impersonated the prima donna, the ingenue, the soubrette and at the finale the leading man and the prima donna rendering a love romance. In this last number she sings with two different voices, a light soprano for the woman, and a deep baritone for the man. The audiences were more than delighted with her singing and it was very difficult to say which voice they were most pleased with. Miss Van Dyke changes her costume in full view of the audience, and the manner in which she does it proves very unique and interesting.

Two unusually clever contortionists are the Whitman Brothers, who well deserve their title of "the flexible wonders." As contortionists they are unequalled and to see them bend and twist themselves into all sorts of knots shows that they must be boneless. One of them appears as a frog and the other as an alligator, and their feats are certainly weird in the extreme. Their setting, which represents Sunrise in the African jungles, is unusually handsome and adds a great deal to the effect of the act.

A merry pot-pourri of singing, dancing and talking is offered by John Carl Robisch and Mayme Childress in their offering entitled, "A Strenuous Pupil." Mr. Robisch takes the part of an eccentric professor and Miss Childress that of a young woman and her precocious child, with a bright smile, and she knows how to dance in an entertaining manner. The former sings a couple of songs in the first class style and is also a good dancer.

Ray Fern, singing comedian, offered three numbers and was accorded a hearty reception. He has a good voice specially adapted to "coon" songs, as was shown in his imitation of Bert Williams' singing "That's Plenty," and another darky ditty.

The McLinn Brothers, triple horizontal bar artists, offer some good work in that line and execute several tricks that are really new.

The straight acrobatic man carries out all his work in a commendable manner,

and the other obtains plenty of laughs with his clowning.

The song sung by Thomas J. Price,

and the pictures, are good, even if inexpensive. You are sure of receiving only superior qualities at Finch's.



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SEQUEL TO SALE OF CHURCH SITE

MEMBER SUES AGENT FOR HALF COMMISSION

Real Estate Agents Deny Any Arrangement to Divide Up.

A case with a good many amusing features occupied the attention of Judge Lampman in County court this morning. James Middleton sued H. P. Winsby and E. J. Cameron for \$187.50, being one-half of the 5 per cent. commission which the defendants got on the sale of a lot by W. J. Pendray to the First Baptist church. The defence was a complete denial of any arrangement to halve commission with the plaintiff.

J. A. Alkman and D. S. Tait appeared for the plaintiff and R. T. Elliott, K. C., for defendants.

The plaintiff told the court that on May 20th he met Cameron and in course of conversation mentioned that the church was looking for a site. Cameron showed him the lot on the northwest corner of Pandora and Quadra, and told him that if he could get a deal put through they would halve the commission. Later, he said, Cameron mentioned that Winsby was agreeable to this. Some of the congregation at first favored the old Herald street site, but this did not suit the majority, and eventually the Pendray site was chosen. When he went to Winsby & Cameron in regard to the commission he only was offered one-third, \$11 odd, they saying they had to divide up with P. R. Brown.

"Is this a legal transaction?" asked the judge. "Assuming the plaintiff's story to be true, is this not rather a bribe than a commission? It sounds illegal; it does not sound right."

To Mr. Elliott plaintiff said he had seen J. L. Beckwith and others about the Pendray site, and they thought it just the thing they had been looking for. He told the congregation it was the best thing available as to site and price.

Mr. Elliott—Did you tell them you were going to get a commission?—No, I hadn't got it.

Did you tell them you were going to get it?—No.

Did you tell Mr. Beckwith you were going to get it?—No.

The price paid for the property is said to have been about \$30,000.

PROBE HOSPITAL AFFAIRS TO-MORROW

Board of Health Enquiry Into Conditions at Isolation Hospital.

A special meeting of the civic board of health has been summoned for to-morrow evening for the purpose of enquiring into the affairs of the isolation hospital, which for some time have been exercising the board. An enquiry was held some weeks ago, and it was believed that all causes of friction had been removed. At that time there was a difference of opinion between the matron, Mrs. King, and the medical health officer, Dr. Herman F. Robertson, in respect to the system of engaging the nurses. As an order was made that Dr. Robertson should be empowered to have sole authority as to the engaging and discharging of the nurses and since that date Mrs. King is said to have observed the rule strictly.

At the enquiry to be held to-morrow evening Dr. Robertson and the matron and other attendants at the hospital are to be asked to be in attendance.

TIMES BUILDING

HAS BEEN SOLD

David Spencer & Co. Will Incorporate New Property in Their Block.

The building and site at present occupied by the Times has been acquired by David Spencer & Co. with the purpose of incorporating it in their big building and thus rounding out the property. For some years the firm has held the property on either side and now they have secured the one obstacle to a complete line of windows on Broad street.

The building is leased by the Times Printing & Publishing Company, but their lease does not expire for some little time, when the new owners will take possession. It is expected that they will commence building operations with the purpose of making the building correspond with the rest of the block.

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MASONS CELEBRATING FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Visiting Brethren Here From Many Parts in Northwest.

Victoria has as its guests to-day a large number of prominent Masons from various parts of the province, from the neighboring states and from Alberta and Saskatchewan, who have assembled here to join with local brethren in celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the introduction of Freemasonry into British Columbia.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon the fine new hall of the Masonic Temple on the corner of Pandora and Douglas streets will be formally dedicated, and at 8 in the evening there will be speeches commemorative of the anniversary. The proceedings will close with a banquet, the fine dining hall in the annex being utilized for the first time.

His honor reserved the point.

Both defendants were examined, and denied any promise of a commission to Middleton. Defendant Cameron said plaintiff remarked that "some of the directors of the church will want a piece of the commission, for they are pulling for another site." All he had said to Middleton about commission was that he might have to divide with another, meaning Mr. Brown. He estimated that plaintiff's share in getting this property chosen was a small one.

Legal argument will be heard some day next week.

G. T. P. LAUNCHES PRINCE RUPERT

FIRST STEAMER TOOK WATER TO-DAY

Company's Vessels for Pacific Coast Will Be Dispatched Early.

(Special to the Times.)

Montreal, Dec. 14.—Cables received to-day from Wallsend announces the launching of the three-funnel liner for the G.T.P. between Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle and Prince Rupert.

She will be called the "Prince Rupert" and within sixty days will start on her voyage to the Pacific coast, where her upper works will be fitted.

This is one of the two steamers for the Pacific coast which the G.T.P. is to build in the Old Country. The other will be called the "Prince George." These vessels are to be fitted in the most modern style, as announced some time ago in the Times.

In preparation for the arrival of the steamers the company will have commodious wharves here and in Seattle.

ROOSTER APPEARS

IN POLICE COURT

Takes Active Part in Hearing of Poultry Ownership Case.

A handsome seven months old Plymouth Rock rooster occupied the attention of the police court this morning in the case in which a charge of the theft of the bird from the owner of Hillside avenue, was heard. The bird was valued at \$10 and was finally sent back to its original home as the magistrate held it was the property of the owner.

It is expected that the order of the board bringing into operation the new rates will be made early in the spring so as to allow next year's supplies for Yukon to be taken in under the revised schedules.

MR. JUSTICE GREGORY STANDS NO DELAYS

Business in Which Lawyers Are Not Ready Struck Off Docket.

Lawyers practicing before Mr. Justice Gregory must be prepared to go on with their cases and motions when called. Three members of the bar who had motions down for this morning, when the new Judge sat in Chambers, were not present to go on. As a result the motions were struck out and the lawyers will have to enter them again.

Only one of the four matters down for hearing was dealt with. Frank Higgins secured an order in re the John Irving estate for service on the widow, the two eldest sons and Kelly.

SKELETON IN ATTIC.

Mysterious Case in New Jersey Army Camp for Insane.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 14.—A skeleton in the attic of the county insane asylum here has proved so effective a witness that the grand jury has handed down a presentment characterizing Dr. Daniel M. Dill, the superintendent, as incompetent and recommending his removal. Dr. Dill was unable to account for the skeleton, which is that of a woman.

No woman, according to his books, has died in the institution since 1890. The grand jury reported that if the skeleton is not that of an inmate it must be that of a visitor, and recommends that the investigation be continued.

The death occurred on Sunday last at the Royal Jubilee hospital of Chelmsford, Essex. Deceased was 24 years of age and was born in England. He came here several months ago to undergo medical treatment and had no friends in this city. The funeral took place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company's parlors.

The council of the Board of Trade met this morning and discussed some railway matters affecting Vancouver and direct communication with the Mai-

CAR FERRY GOES ASHORE IN GALE

Vessel May Go to Pieces Before Life Savers Reach Scene.

(Special to the Times.)

Port Burwell, Ont., Dec. 14.—The car ferry Ashtabula went aground off the point at noon and is now flying distress signals.

With the gale which is now prevailing it is impossible to get out boats to go to the assistance of the ferry.

Heavy seas are breaking over the vessel and she is in danger of going to pieces before the arrival of life-savers.

It is not known how many persons are on board.

YUKON STAFF IS BEING REORGANIZED

WILL INSPECT THE WHITE PASS ROAD

Chairman Mabee, of Railway Board, to Come to Coast in February.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Chairman Mabee, of the railway board, will go to the Pacific coast in February and make a personal inspection of conditions on the Yukon and White Horse railway before giving a decision on the application made last spring for a general reduction in freight rates on the road.

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NATIONALISTS TAKE SIDES WITH LIBERALS

Asquith's Declaration on Home Rule Satisfactory to Party.

(Special to the Times.)

London, Dec. 14.—The Irish national executive met in Dublin to-day and decided to join with the Liberal party in the coming election.

Premier Asquith's declaration of Home Rule was considered by Mr. Redmond to be satisfactory.

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Services of Number of Officials Have Been Dispensed With.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—The reorganization of the administration in the Yukon and the need of fewer administrative officers, consequent upon more settled conditions of business, the falling off in the recording of mining claims, etc., has enabled the government to make a considerable reduction in the staff of officials. Mr. Lithgow, gold commissioner, will be transferred to Ottawa, and the services of A. J. Beaudette, mining engineer; Alfred Watson, clerk or accountant; Clem Burns, secretary to the council; and William Noble, clerk of the gold commissioner's office, have been dispensed with. There will probably be a few other reductions later on, the desire of the Yukon people being to have the money thus saved applied to the building of roads and other local improvements.

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FLOATING BONDS OF NEW RAILWAY

Alberta and Great Waterways Line Raising Money in London.

(Special to the Times.)

The most important bond flotation in London during recent weeks is that of the Alberta and Great Waterways 50-year first mortgage bonds in London. The bonds are guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Provincial Government of Alberta. The issue was made by the London branch of J. P. Morgan & Co., Mr. William R. Clark, a banker of Kansas City, Mo., and Mr. E. A. James, formerly general manager of the Canadian Northern Railway, and a former resident of this city, are apparently the chief backers of the enterprise. It is proposed to build the road from Edmonton, northeast of the Athabasca River, to Fort McMurray and the distance will be about 350 miles. Of the total issue, \$400,000 covers Edmonton terminals, but the bulk of the loan is based on a guarantee of \$20,000 per mile on the main line and branches.

Considerable criticism has been heard in London regarding the flotation, says the Monetary Times. One critic there states that while the provincial guarantees doubtless insured successful flotation of the issue, the fact of the guarantees being given on such favorable terms to the lenders must be a cause of dissatisfaction to the holders of the recent issue of 4 per cent. bonds of Alberta Province and also to the holders of the branch lines bonds of other systems operating in the province, which issues, though made quite recently, have not been offered on such favorable terms as this.

Premier Rutherford tells the Monetary Times that any adverse criticism offered respecting the provincial guarantees of the bonds, when compared with other similar issues, cannot be defended. There are no similar regular guarantees in Alberta province, he adds, the one under review being a colonization road to a large extent. All

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What Other People Think

CHINESE LABOR.

To the editor:—I met the pensioner whom I wrote about the other day, and his first remark was: "But we have both the newspapers against us," and I had with sorrow to agree with him. I do not think that either side of the electors are with the papers in this matter—boards of trade are not, and every now and then we find expressions on the other side of the question. But, stronger than that, we find almost universal action against the law which was intended to prevent employment of Chinese in our homes. I am not surprised that the newspapers have gone wrong and kept wrong. They have to write on such a number of subjects it is easiest to support the law. They all admit that a great injustice has been done to the older residents. The law is the aggressor, and it is not by any means a manly aggression. It is cringing to a comparatively small number of the electorate, and the sufferers have waited for years now in the hope that the prophets might turn out true prophets, but they have not. Domestic help don't come.

Both newspapers put a peculiar view of the matter rather strongly, viz., that in every house their ought to be some one able and willing to do the drudgery of the house. Of course they don't mean the ladies to do it. I wonder how the editors look when they draw on their overalls and set to work. In my opinion it is of very little use to get money if it cannot get these odd disagreeable jobs done for pay, and would not be a step down for Victorians? As for women cooks and housemaids, our educated girls want something pleasanter to do. If they have to go out of their homes to get work they can now get employment in numerous ways.

I don't think you placed much importance on the bigger part of my suggestion. The unskilled laborers who must come into the province in thousands to make our railroads are a bad lot to bring into any country. When their work is done they are not a blessing to the land where they settle. And I want the province to be selfish enough to refuse to relieve either England or America, or any other country of them. They are necessary evil, you will say. Yes, but the Chinaman can do it, and he never becomes a charge to the country in which he settles—and Mr. McBride's railway policy is more sure to be a success if we get them.

I have nothing to say as to the cruelty of the old Jews and Romans towards their prisoners of war. It is a different world from those times, and, although a selfish one, it is a better world. If we bring Chinese here for five or six years and give them inducements which they certainly will accept to go back to China, we do what is a kindness to the Chinaman and a good stroke of business for ourselves.

In this city those who suffer most are employees who live on salaries. The domestic service difficulties are driving people into boarding houses, which are getting very numerous amongst us, and making the people find entertainment at 10 cent shows, instead of family gatherings and good books.

My plea for an alteration of the present law which was intended to exclude Chinamen from British Columbia, is this, that every man of us only submits to the law when he cannot evade it. He obeys the law for want of power, and not of goodwill. This alone makes it a bad law. And if we were to send detectives to the homes of our exclusionsists we would find the law inoperative and dispised. A member of McBride's cabinet and a decided exclusionist had for his first business here to engage a Chinaman. He tried to take mine away by an offer of higher wages, which I had to top. Perhaps Mr. McBride employs Chinamen himself—he will be no worse than other respectable members and citizens. You say domestic servants' wages have increased enormously in the Old Country. Twenty years ago ten or twelve pounds a year was a fair wage for a general servant. Doubtless that, say £25, a year, and double that again, £50 a year, about \$14 a month. How do these compare with our wages? And I don't expect the general servant's wages have advanced anything like so much. But you may have more recent information.

I know it rests with Ottawa to alter the law, and I also know that our premier, although a good sort of a man, requires a hammer and chisel to knock an idea out of his head if once it has got there. It is the same with the baby navy.

A. B. C.

THE DOG IN THE MANGER.

To the editor:—Some wise man, many years ago, wrote of a certain dog, who not able to occupy the entire heap of straw upon which he was lying,

nouncement of popular confidence would entitle the man at the head of the pole to a three-year tenure. Possibly the first three might be included, as those who obtained a three-fifths majority. The next three, or those who secured some fixed proportion of the total votes polled, should remain in office for two years, and the balance, or those who failed to secure some fixed proportion of the total votes polled, should be retired at the end of the year.

THOS. C. SORBY.

A FOUL BAY COMPLAINT.

To the Editor: Can I use a small portion of your space on behalf of the residents of Foul Bay district? The street railway seem to pay no attention to the solicitations of their patrons in erecting some kind of a shelter at the terminus of their line on Fairfield road, and in consequence have to wait in pouring rain. Surely the company can afford to put up some kind of a shack, or perhaps in their goodness of heart might give us permission to build one at our own expense.

J. SYDNEY POTTER.

THE DEMAND FOR LABOR.

To the Editor: I have been amused at the letters in the papers for the last week from persons agitating for cheap labor. I can't help noticing they are nearly all from the 'Old Country' ex-army men. Some of them would have some of the surplus population of England whom they quoted as living on nine cents a day, brought out. Others would like to hire a troopship and bring out whole regiments of old soldiers, who after arriving here would still be old soldiers, and others would like to have the whole \$500 tax on the Chinks eliminated. Is there not a tone of selfishness in these letters, for the writers are only small employers of labor, in the shape of domestic help, which they say they can't obtain? There has been too much undesirable labor induced to come to this country already. Our enlarged asylums and jails tell us that it is only the planting of poor seed on virgin soil. I never knew it fall yet where employers of labor could not get all the help they needed by according decent treatment to their white help. That is, treat them as if they were not inferior beings, which they are not. I would respectfully remind these writers that wealthy settlers from below the border are flocking to this country by the score, and they and their sons and daughters are not afraid to work and will not sit down and sing the lament of scarcity of labor.

HERBERT PHIPPS.

Prior street.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

To the Editor:—Will you allow me to plead through your columns on behalf of several aged people and poor families at this coming Christmas season? The Friendly Help Association, consisting of representatives of all the religious bodies in the city, will follow its usual method of distributing supplies, etc., to families known to the district visitors, and we appeal, not only to our former friends, but to new comers into Victoria, to send money or goods. There is very little real poverty among us, but there are some who greatly value their Christmas gifts. Contributions in money should be sent to Miss M. Lawson, 300 Kingston street, and goods to the market place on December 20th.

ISOLINE H. PERRIN,
President Friendly Help Association.

CORRECTION.

To the Editor:—Please make the following corrections in my letter of Dec. 10th, in the Victoria Free Press. I said the Gypsy moth had wrought destruction to the forest trees of the United States, not the fruit trees; Mr. Kearfott, not Kearfatt; laissez faire, not falro.

J. R. ANDERSON.

Victoria, 13th Dec., 1909.

THINNING APPLES.

To the Editor: The sapient editor of your morning contemporary has suddenly discovered through the medium of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association that the thinning of apples is profitable. If this gentleman, or any of his subordinates, had ever considered it of sufficient importance to attend the meetings or read the reports of our own local associations or of those of the adjoining States, he might have discovered that the doctrine in all its bearings has been preached and threshed out years ago. I will venture to say that every fruit grower in the province is fully informed on a subject which itself is as old as the hills and its importance fully recognized.

HORTICULTURIST.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 13, 1909.

CIVIC REPRESENTATION.

To the Editor: Representation by wards is certainly a most pernicious system; it is at the bottom of all the petty patronage, besides being most demoralizing to those who have to attend the ward-heeler's music, or secure some unearned advantage to some undeserving support. Election of the whole body of the electorate would raise the standard of the council, making them more self-respecting and more independent.

Then as to the method of election, let each voter cast but one vote. He could then be safely trusted to vote for the one person on the list that appealed to him as the best qualified for the honor of representation. The person thus receiving the largest number of votes would clearly be the true choice of the majority of the voters. Thus if there were fifteen names on the list and ten to elect they would be elected according to plurality. A person voting for three, as at present, votes, as a rule, for the best man in his estimation, or for his fancy, first, one or both of the remaining names are marked haphazard, or at the least objectionable, or else he plumps and votes only for two out of the three. The result is a selection certainly, but not the true vox populi. Then such a pro-

STORES HERALD CHRISTMASTIDE

Copas & Young.

The Store of the People. Such is the description given this busy store by its energetic proprietors, and that the phrase is apt its thronging customers testify in the most concrete manner possible. It is not long since the name of Copas & Young was first announced as a business firm new to Victoria, but its prominence to-day impresses afresh the lesson that it is energy and judgment, rather than length of life, that makes for the success of a business enterprise.

The practical bent of this firm's policy is revealed in the dressing of the Christmas windows and in the interior arrangements of the store. The windows are dressed for the display of goods. They are selling windows, rather than show windows. The same practical judgment is exercised in every department of the store, and necessarily so, for the pressure of business is always so insistent here that only a perfect organization can render the high order of store service which it is the policy of the house to maintain.

The Christmas offerings here will consist of the regular lines of staples at the low prices which have so largely contributed to the favorable reputation enjoyed by the house. A fine consignment of the best products of the Gross & Blackwell factory, imported direct from London, may be mentioned, as well as a similar importation of Chivers' jams and Travers' famous pickles.

To contribute to the cheer of the Christmas table is also a stock of wines, whiskeys, also stouts and liqueurs of guaranteed quality and flavor.

Robinson's Cash Store.

"Useful things—things to wear." This is the fewest possible words to describe the nature of the gift offerings to be looked for at Robinson's Cash Store on Yates street. For men there are braces, armlets, silk-mufflers, neckwear, silk initial handkerchiefs. For children there are such useful garments as knitted woolen gaiters, booties, jackets, mitts and scarves. Appealing more directly to women is a stock which overflows the shelves and counters. Blankets, comforters, and all the innumerable articles that go to make up a very complete line of house furnishings have a strong utilitarian appeal. Of daintier fabrics, fancy linens deserve mention. They consist of Battenberg lace squares, cushion covers, bureau scarves, afternoon tea cloths and similar novelties. There are Irish linen handkerchiefs, both plain and initialed, imported direct from Belfast.

The policy of this store, as its name implies, is one that enables it to buy cheaply in the best markets for all its transactions, whether of buying or selling, are on a strictly cash basis. In fact this is the explanation of the low prices that rule here.

John Cochrane.

The well known pharmacy of John Cochrane, at the corner of Douglas and Yates street, is always a factor at Christmas time in the solution of the gift problem. This year the line of ebony goods for which this house has built up a reputation will be, if anything, more full and complete than ever. Brushes, mirrors, manicure sets and ladies' dressing cases are some of the toilet articles that are displayed in this line of goods. Their perfect suitability for Christmas gifts that will keep the giver in daily remembrance ensures a steady demand for them. Then in the line of perfumes Mr. Cochrane's stock is replete with suggestions that will be sure to meet with a ready response from shopkeepers looking for just the right thing. Imported French, English and American goods done up in the most daintily attractive styles, afford a wide variety of choice. Among these Courvoisier's Otto de Violet is deserving favorite.

Carron B. Jameson.

After a round of many stores where Christmas goods are shown in a thousand varieties and shapes, it is refreshing to step into a place whose shelves make but one direct and concentrated appeal. The shopper who has hesitated long between a rocking horse and a railway train for Tommy, and between a safety razor and a pair of slippers for Tommy's father, will experience the restfulness that comes with decision on breathing the aromatic air of Mr. Jameon's store. Mr. Jameon's is a tea and coffee specialist. His teas are imported direct from Ceylon and are for the most part blended by himself. Everyday coffee is freshly roasted and ground on the premises, and those who on Christmas Day will confine themselves to the beverages 'that cheer but not inebriate' will find no better source of supply in the city than that done by the Fort street tea and coffee store.

Hicks & Lovick Piano Co.

Christmastide is always a welcome

time to the piano house of Hicks & Lovick, and this year they are better prepared than ever to cope with the brisk demand for musical instruments

that characterizes the approach of the holiday. Never before has the floor of the Douglas street warerooms been so crowded with the finest instruments representative of the various celebrated makes of which this house has the exclusive agency.

Mason & Rice pianos, together with Stanley and Evans' pianos, and pianolas and pianola pianos made by the great Aeolian company rounding out an impressive display.

The instruments shown to-day, be it remembered, were chosen in the East by a member of the firm especially for the Christmas trade.

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Long business experience, natural taste and a ripened judgment in the selection and display of goods are necessary to realize a firm in the adoption of such a title as "The Exclusive Style Store." All these requisites, if one is to judge by the impression created by an inspection of their men's furnishing establishment, Messrs. Finch & Finch possess in a superlative degree. The remarkable development in the ready-to-wear clothing trade which has marked recent years has made it possible for the most particular dresser to choose from this class of goods exactly the garments he requires to keep correctly and fashionably dressed; and Finch & Finch have kept well abreast of every advance the men's clothing trade has made. From a fancy vest or smoking jacket to the staidest and most severe of business suits they afford a range of choice that will meet the most exacting demands. In every other department this store is similarly well prepared to assist the Christmas shopper with appropriate hints—neckwear the latest and nastiest, hats as durable as they are correct, overcoats and rain-coats both serviceable and dressy. Then in gloves—but the showing of Finch & Finch demands more than a perfumery word. The leading makes—Dent, Perrin, Fownes—are so heavily stocked that it is the proud boast of these dealers that they carry without exception the biggest line of gloves on the coast. Their trade is not confined to men only. Perhaps it is fairer to say that women provide even a larger share than men of the patronage enjoyed by the house in the glove department. It is a safe prediction that the stream of Christmas shoppers will form one of its busiest eddies about the popular store of Finch & Finch.

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COTTER LOT, on Douglas, close in, \$1,000 each, terms.

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The property in question consists of several acres between Sixth and Eighth streets and Eighth and Tenth avenues. Many years ago it was granted to the city by the colonial government for use as a cemetery.

It has been used as such ever since.

It is thought by those in authority that even if the city wished to move the cemetery from there they would not be able to do so under the terms of the grant. If any action at all is possible it will have to be undertaken on the part of the provincial government.

The premier, in reply, said he thought the people of Kamloops were needlessly alarmed. He had talked over the matter with Mr. Manly and he was assured that Kamloops would not be in any way neglected or injured when the final plans were agreed to. He realized Kamloops' needs in this regard and he would make it his business to see that everything possible was done to meet their wishes. He could not hold a placard to the head of the Canadian Northern in this matter but he knew that it was intended to have C. N. R. shops, etc., built here. He assured the premier that he would do everything in his power to meet their wishes.

Mayo Robinson called the premier's attention to the urgent need of some provision being made for the care of advanced cases of consumption, many of which came to this city and were in indigent circumstances. It was a menace to the city and it had been understood that such cases would be looked after. The premier stated that the government had the matter under advisement and no doubt something would be done in the near future. The deputation then withdrew.

COWICHAN FARMERS
TO HAVE TWO SHOWS

ZINC PROPOSITION

IN NEW YORK HANDS

The Big Ledge Property Has

New Owners, Who Will Develop It.

Nelson, Dec. 13.—An important mining transfer is reported on the Arrow Lakes by which the Big Ledge mine, near Burton City, passes into the hands of New York capitalists. The deal was put through on December 2nd by Mr. Greenstreet. The Big Ledge is a zinc proposition, and it is claimed that 200,000 tons of ore are in sight, while the mine is described as being practically a quarry proposition. The new interests will put in an aerial tramway. A large gang of men have already gone in to do development work.

The owners of the Bonanza gold mine, on Sheep Creek, of whom one was R. B. Bell of Salmo, recently disposed of that property to Vancouver parties, represented by Mr. Oliver. The consideration was in the neighborhood of \$40,000. The Bonanza is a well known claim and its development will be pushed.

J. T. Hills of Vancouver, who in partnership with S. S. Raymond, now in California, took a two-year bond and lease of the Alma M. gold mine, near this city, from J. J. Malone, William Gosnell, George Matthews, Nehemiah Lovett, and John Osting two months ago, yesterday made an inspection of the property, Mr. Malone accompanying him. The claim is located on the head of Eagle and Sand creeks, at an elevation of 4,900 feet.

H. E. Grant was chosen chairman of the meeting, and after the minutes of the secretary, pro tem, had been read by the secretary, pro tem, the chairman declared the meeting open for the nomination of officers. The voting resulted in the following gentlemen being elected:

Hon. president, R. H. Sperling; pres-

ident, J. George Lister; vice-president, K. E. Grant; secretary-treasurer, K. E. Ryan; executive committee, D. R. Kennedy, C. Rummler, W. T. Woodrow, L. G. Robinson.

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Captain Walbran Reads an Interesting Paper Before Local Society.

Every chair was filled at the Natural History Society's room last night in the Carnegie Library building, the occasion being the delivery of a lecture by Captain Walbran on the Spanish occupation of Vancouver Island. For over an hour the captain pictured to his audience the visits made to Nootka and other West Coast points, and illustrated his narrative with a fund of anecdote and Indian legends which added much to the interest of the talk.

The burden of the lecture was to show that Spain did not discover Nootka Sound, as often alleged, and that in the rival claims when the final settlement was made neither side held very closely to the truth.

Juan Perez was the first visitor to this part of the world coming from the south. He sailed up the coast in the corvette San Jose in 1770, going as far north as Dixon Entrance and anchoring off Estevan Point, eighteen miles from Nootka; although, according to reliable evidence, he did not find the entrance to that inlet. The next visitor was Captain Quadra in 1775. His schooner was but 36 feet long with a 14-foot beam.

Captain Cook came next in 1778 with the Resolution and Discovery, and stated in his journal that the Straits of Juan de Fuca did not exist.

He went on north and entered Nootka Sound. After spending some time there and collecting a cargo of valuable furs he sailed for China, leaving Dr. John McKay to spend a year or two with the Indians.

Captain Hanna came in a small vessel in 1785 and carried away a large cargo of valuable furs. It was 1788, however, when Captain Meares arrived and purchased a small plot of land near Friendly Cove.

Captain Barkley's voyage was made a year before, arriving in the Imperial Eagle and carrying away what was probably the most valuable cargo taken from this Coast. He also took Dr. John McKay back to Scotland.

Then came Don Estevan Jose Martinez in 1790, representing the Spanish in the name of the Spaniards. He remained behind and captured the ships as they entered the harbor. Among the vessels taken was the sloop Princess Royal, and it was taken round to what is now Esquimalt, in 1790, being the first vessel that ever sailed into that harbor.

On the demand of William Pitt in England the ships and territory were relinquished by Spain, while Captain Quadra was sent to take possession, while Captain Hanna had been left holding the fort. They could not agree on what was to be relinquished, but they agreed to differ, and a later message received after Quadra left gave Britain everything north of the Straits of Juan de Fuca, the Spanish flag being hauled down in 1795.

The paper will prove a valuable contribution to the history of the Island and will undoubtedly be among the papers published by the society at the close of the session.

**COUNCIL OF WOMEN
APPOINT COMMITTEES**

Hereafter All Work Taken Up
Will Be Carried on to Completion.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Local Council of Women, held yesterday afternoon in the city hall, Mrs. C. E. Cooper presiding, committees were appointed for the coming year.

The committee on the juvenile court consists of Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Toller and Mrs. Hardie; on the delinquent school for girls, Mrs. Gordon Grant, Mrs. Wm. Grant and Mrs. Reid. Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Grant were appointed to draw up a protest against bookmaking on the fair grounds, and Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. McKinnon and Mrs. Dickson to carry out the resolution against the high steps on the fair car.

The national standing committees were appointed as follows: Protection of women and children, deferred; objectionable printed matter, Mrs. Andrews; aged and infirm, Miss Lawson; immigration, Mrs. Perrin; national press committee, Mrs. Hasell; agriculture, Mrs. Watt; citizenship, Mrs. Gordon Grant; white slave traffic, Mrs. Mitchell; peace and arbitration, Miss Hay; public health, Mrs. (Dr.) Ryan; education, Mrs. Jenkins; feeble minded, Mrs. Gould; supervised playgrounds, deferred. The reporting for the local press was placed in the hands of Miss Lawson and Mrs. Walker.

Mrs. Spofford asked whether the work left over from one year to another without being completed should be

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dropped, and whether the committees should consider themselves discharged.

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Mrs. Williscroft moved and Mrs. Perrin seconded that all committees should hold themselves responsible for the work given them, till formally dis-

charged, and this carried.

The resolutions relating to the speed of motors, that on the local status of women and the one asking that an inspector be appointed to carry out the sanitary regulations of factories and shops were left in the hands of the legislative committee, consisting of Mrs. Day, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Spofford.

Mrs. Jenkins brought up the matter of the adoption of the report of Mrs. Day on the session of the National Council which had under consideration the duties of the provincial vice-president, left over from last meeting.

After some discussion it was decided to discuss the report at a special meeting to be held early in January.

It was resolved on motion of Mrs. Spofford, seconded by Mrs. Perrin, that membership certificates should be obtained for Mrs. Day, Miss Crease, Mrs. Gordon Grant and any others who had recently received the honor, and that these should be presented on some appropriate occasion.

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved and Mrs. Savory seconded that the resolution passed at the last meeting conveying the thanks of the council for hospitality and expressing regret at her departure from Government House should be presented to Mrs. Dunsmuir in the form of an illuminated scroll. This was carried.

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